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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002 in the above matter, please consider the following response to the outstanding restriction requirement, which is timely filed in view of the one-month extension of time requested below.

## **STATUS OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-31 are pending herein.

#### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2002 in the above matter, please consider the following response to the outstanding restriction requirement.

Restriction is required to the following allegedly distinct inventions:

I. Claims 1-23 and 29-31, drawn to transfected antigen presenting cells, methods of transfecting antigen presenting cells, and methods of using transfected antigen presenting cells to induce an immune response.